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THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 1903.

MR. DAVIS ON PROHIBITION. That was a most interesting letter that we printed in yesterday's paper from President Jefferson Davis on the subject of prohibition. Mr. Davis discussed the question from a Democratic point of view, and laid down some broad principles of government, which should be respected and applied in all Democratic forms of government. But we are not disposed to go into that branch of the subject. We are more interested just now, as our readers are, in the practical question. Mr. Davis sald that the abuse and not the use of stimulants was the evil to be remedied. This has become a trite saying, but it is after all the sum and substance of the discussion, the res ges tae, as the lawyers say, of the case. There is no harm per se in the moderate use of alcoholic liquors, and if men had always used them moderately, and it all men used them moderately, and never immoderately, to-day there would be no 'iquor problem to solve. It is intemperance that makes the liquor evil. Bu where one man abuses liquor and makes a hog of himself and makes a nulsance of himself and makes a criminal of him self through its use, thousands drink li in moderation, to their comfort and without harm either to themselves or to

That is why it is practically impossible to enforce prohibition, and it is just here that our prohibition friends fall into blunders. They say that as we have law egainst theft, against gambling, against letteries, as these things are denominated crimes, so the selling of liquor ought to be denominated a crime and prohibited But the selling of liquor is not per se a crime, and we cannot make it so by a statutory law. We call it a crime, but we cannot make it a crime any more tha we can make dancing a crime, or card playing a crime, because men make them

There are in the city of Richmond merchants who sell alcoholic liquors by the measure, and they are known to be moral, upright citizens. To say that they are criminals or that they are engaged in a criminal practice in selling liquors were absurd and slanderous.

There are, it is true, men who conduct low groggeries which are dens of vice, of crime, and these liquor sellers defy the law and evade it when they can. But it cannot be argued from this that the liquor traffic is in itself criminal.

Theft is criminal in itself, and so is murder, and so is gambling, and so are immoral practices which are prohibited by law. Theft cannot be carried on in such a moderate way as to make it in-nocent. But this is not true of liquor drinking or dancing or card playing or anything of that character which in itself is innocent, and which becomes wrong only by excess or abuse. We cannot prohibit dancing because some people abuse the amusement and make it wrong; we cannot prohibit card playing because tome people use cards for gambling purses por can we make Hauer-drinking and liquor-seiling a crime because some men get drunk and because other mer

sell liquor offensively. have been endeavoring in these discussions to show, to the question of reg ulation.

PENSIONS FOR TEACHERS.

And now come the public school teachers of the State asking the Legislature to inaugurate a pension system for them, and we are informed that a bill to that end has actually been drawn to be presented soon. We have the highest possibel regard for this very worthy and splendid class of our people, but the idea of expecting the State to pension them when they can no longer follow idea of expecting the State to pension them when they can no longer follow their profession seems to us to be a rather unreasonable proposition, unless the State is going to pension people of all other callings who have served her faithfully and well. But whore is the money for all this sort of thing to come from? Where will it stop? Who will be the next to ask the old State to support them?—Salem Times-Register.

Our astute contemporary, which usually sees to the bottom of every subject it discusses, does not seem to realize that the pension system for public school teachers is already in vogue in this State. We have many pensioners on the list, and the contention of this paper is that the State cannot afford to keep them there.

There are wornout teachers in the chools to-day, and they are retained because the members of the school, boards have not the heart to turn them

The bill in question provides that all teachers who have served in the public senools of Virginia for twenty-five and who have a faultless record, shall be entitled to register their names on the "Teachers' Retired List," and then upon proof that any such teacher is unable to take cure of himself or herself, as the case may be, the State shall give to such person a pension of two hundred dollars a year. In this way the wornout teachers would be taken out of active service and retired on small pay, and young and vigorous teachers put in

lieve in the pension system. We do not believe in any system that tends to sap the manhood or womanhood of Virginia, the manhood or womanhood of Virginia. We do not believe in any system that tends to impair manly and womanly in-dependence. But in this case there is to be no pension until the teacher has worn out in the service of the State, and there can be no demoralization in such a plan. But above all our interest is in the efficiency of the public school system, and this cannot but be impaired when teachers who have lost their physical and mental vigor are retained. peat that It is very much cheaper for the State to pension such teachers outside than inside the activities of school work, It is no time to press this subject, and

claims that have been presented, and

sooner or later some provision for the wornout teachers must be made.

A STRIKING CONTEST.

Germany's financial condition is propor-

tionately, perhaps, not as good as that

of Virginia. Germans, too, are a cautious,

indeed, phiegmatic people. They are not

carried away by sentiment, but they un-

derstand the value of the great opportu-

nity offered by an industrial exposition to

promote commercial and industrial inter

ests, and to secure to themselves the

comforts and benefits which come from

Is it possible that Virginians are so far

behind Germans that they do not appre-

clate such an opportunity, even when it

is offered at their own doors? Shall it

be thought that our representatives are

unable to grasp such a great situation?

The die is not irrevocably cast, and

though the appropriation asked for will

be a greater burden on the State than

under ordinary circumstances should be

assumed, yet the denial of it will cause

an immeasurable and irreparable loss,

beside which the amount of the appropri-

A WOMAN'S VIEW.

Following is an extract from a letter

vritten by a lady of Kentucky to a friend

in Richmond concerning the proposal to

place a bust of General Lee in Statuary

prominence and a member of a family

which has been distinguished for several

generations in Southern political history.

Herself an ardent Confederate, she took

refuge in Flichmond during the war,

sharing and suffering in our reverses, and

she still has the deepest love for the

Confederate cause. The letter was not

intended for publication, but we have

taken the liberty of using it because it is

the view of many, if not most, of the

women of the Confederacy. She says;

case. Cato and a friend were v

asked the distinguished Roman why it

was that no statue had been erected to

was erected to me than that men should

ask why a statue was erected to me."

THE BATTLE O'ER.

It is now three days, as well as we

can recall, since any mention was made

n the newspapers concerning the vi-

brations of the Rev. Dr. H. W. Battle

bore, North Carolina, and we are en-

couraged to believe that the correspon-

For many weeks-or was it months-we

watched this spirited contest between the

cities named for possession of the person

and voice and eloquence of the distin-guished preacher. One morning the

scareheads in The Times-Dispatch Indi-

cated that Greensboro had enticed the

preacher away and the next morning it

appeared that Petersburg had pinned

him down. It was a most exasperating

sort of contest, for when there are good

things in Virginia we all like to keep

them, and in this case it appeared not

only that the dear man would be torn

from Petersburg and from Virginia, but

that he would be torn from himself, limb

from limb, and would be a sort of drawn

Battle. The conflict gave us many ton-

flicting emotions, and we are glad that

Battle.

t is done, even though we have lost the

way train, and as it was her first ex-

perience she was much alarmed when

the train ran on a trestle. She thought

the train was flying across the chasm,

and by and by when terra firms was

reached on the other side, the old woman

relaxed her grip, heaved a relief sigh,

SUBJECT TO PROTEST.

In the Baltimore papers of yesterday appears an official advertisement contain-

ing the list of applicants for liquor li-

censes in that city, together with the

places where the applicants propose to

and said: "Thank the Lord, she's lit!"

dents have finally located him.

etween Petersburg, Virginia, and Greens-

him, "I would rather," said Cate in re-

woman's view and because it expresses

The writer is a lady of social

ation is insignificant.

school system to progress in all

tions.

wealth.

mond, too, we have need of some meas-ure or movement that will call the attention of the court to disreputable saloons-places that give trouble to the po lice, that do manifest injury to the neighborhood, and that disregard the laws of the city and State. A proper man at a proper place is entitled by law to a license, but a law-breaker or a person who cannot or will not keep order upon we think it unfortunate that it has been brought to the attention of the General and about his premises is entitled to Assembly in such a crisis, for that body none. must be most economical in its appropriations, but the claim of the teachers A TIME FOR ECONOMY. s quite as reasonable as some other

the place where he wishes to sell liquor And now it only remains for the good

neonle of Baltimore to exert themselves a

been the scenes of crime and disorder, and

The idea is a good one, Here in Rich-

those licenses will be withheld.

article from The Times-Dispatch, in propriation bills now pending in the

must be retired, if we expect the public "The figures given are worthy of seri-ous consideration on the part of the members of that body and large enough surely to make them heed the note of warning which has been sounded. If, however, they cannot realize what the figures mean, the fact that State bads have recently declined from 99 1-2 to 93 On Tuesday last the committee on the budget of the German Reichstag, by the figures mean, the fact that State bads have recently declined from 99 1-2 to 93 cents ought to be enough to convince them that something is wrong, and nothing so likely to have caused the decline as the prospect of a large expenditure of the funds of the State. One thing cannot be lost sight of by them, that no step should be taken which would overwhelming majority of 26 to 2, voted to approve an expenditure of \$750,000 towards the expense of Germany's exhibit at the St. Louis Exposition. On the following day the House of Delegates of Virginia refused to vote \$50,000 as the first installment of \$200,000 towards an exposition on Virginia's own soil to commemorate the greatest event in American history.

the tax-payers of the State that economy be practiced by the General Assembly There are many demands upon the treasury, and we not going to say that any of the requests for appropriations are unworthy. But, first of all, the State must provide for necessary expenses, for the public school fund and for interest on the public debt. The extraordinary appropriations can only come in after these expenses have been provided for, and it would be reckless to make extraordinary appropriations amounting to three-quarters of a million dollars until the money to meet them is fairly in sight. It is now given out by Senator Wickham and Mr. Boaz that the General Assembly will probably be in session until August. That means more expense and a heap of it. We must be careful.

Carolina, is largely engaged in the agricultural business. It is the proud owner of a farm containing 193 acres. It is the city's dumping ground, and is being rapidly enriched. The land cost \$5,200. The crop last year was 400 bargrass and 150 bushels of peas. There are in cultivation 65 acres. On the farm are the pest houses and smallpox hospital, also stables for all the city's stock, 18 horses, and large barns. The value of the crop last year was \$3,000, and there is plenty of corn, fodder, etc., to feed all the city's horses until next September or October. The officer who is in charge of the farm, says it is a profitable and useful investment, and that the land is so improved that he believes it

There are two very remarkable divorce sults on the docket of the New Jersey women of the Confederacy. She says;
"Why in the world did you all in Virginia let the Legislature offer a statue of General Lee for that hall in Washington? I think it was sacrliegious to subject his honored name and memory to the profane comment and criticism which the action has provoked. Besides, he is ours, our glorious son, and we should keep him for ourselves always, even if they were clamoring to have him. Of course, next to Washington, he is Virginia's greatest son. The whole world acknowledges that, and his statue might be offered to Westminster Abbey, but not to Statuary Hall in Washington. I am really greve about it."

Some time ago Mr. W. W. Scott, State courts. One of the sults has been brought by a wealthy Jersey farmer, who seeks divorce from his wife on the ground that she is a "new woman," and spends her time "attending club meetings and reading trashy literature on the enfranchisement of the sex," instead of performing the duties naturally expected the sympathy of hundreds of peope will go out to this wretched man, case is not near so bad as that of the other Jersey man who is seeking di-Some time ago Mr. W. W. Scott, State vorce, He wants release on the ground Librarian, recalled in these columns an that his wife, who had been a professincident of Roman history, which seems sional snake charmer, refused to give sional snake charmer, refused to give up her pets, and persisted in taking to have an appropriate bearing on this alking them to bed with her. through the Forum, when the friend

Canada has a Senator who is a hundred years old and who has been a law-maker of one sort or another for six-"that men; should ask why no statue ty-three years. This venerable and somewhat experienced statesman is named David Wark and he halls from Frederic-

ton, N. B. We presume that his age is correctly stated, inasmuch as he has been in public life such an extraordinary length of time, and the matter must have been the subject of investigation, especially by his political opponents, who, we guess, would not have hesitated to accuse him of prevarication, if any doubt existed. We take it, therefore, that here is a case of well established centenarian-

______ The surveyors who are freshly marking the Mason and Dixon line under the diection of the chief of the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey, are making good progress with their work. The object of the present survey is to restore the old monuments, many of which have been destroyed or removed, and to erect additional monuments for the better defi-

nition of the line. Ex-President Cleveland was sixty-six years old on Tuesday. He is in good health and strength and talks of a trip to the far West. His avoirdupols and other reasons will, however, prevent his swinging around the circle with the ve locity that may be expected of the Pres

Parkersburg, West Virginia, has or hand a most remarkable railroad fight, which incidentally brings about the impeachment of the Mayor, who is also the

ttorney of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. There continue to be heard rumblings of a forthcoming strike in the soft coal regions. Did it never occur to the parles at interest that the best time end a strike is before it begins?

That is a rather annoying block and chain the Benate attached to the Cuban treaty.

As 4 general proposition we do not be
do business.

Carter Harrison had no trouble getting the Democratic nomination for a fourth the Democratic nomination for a fourth term in the Chicago Meyor's office, and Yards covering seven acres. Write for prices

he will have very little, if any, in getportunity to enter their protests either against the person seeking the license or

The wide waters in the Western rivers make it tough on the ferry boat men, who are not allowed to advance rater according to the increased width of the streams they have to cross.

The Northern base-ball clubs are coming South to limber up for the summer's work, and incidentally to earn little pin money.

Three banquete and a Boston breakfast ire the things the people of the Hub are testing the digestion apparatus of General Miles with

The Chesterfield weather prophet very much fears that this glorious weather in March means no peaches in July and August.

The Mississippi River has evidently got-ten on its present jag to afford the monitor Arkansas plain sailing up to St

The Senate is now about to quit and go home, but our Legislature is still with us and liable to be for guite a while

The new member from Mecklenburg did not hesitate a minute about taking that oath to support the new Constitution.

Where will Mr. Bryan be when the President invades Nebraska this spring?

With a Comment or Two. The Virginia Legislature has passed a pure election law. Does this mean that the politicians will no longer be in control?—Durham Herald. It is believed to mean that the people

are getting in the saddle. If every man would be liberal enough to concede the right of opinion to others he arrogates to himsiof, much of the bitterness that political strife engenders would be swpet away, and defeat in fair contests would lose its sting.—Wilson Naws

If every man was real good there would be very little wickedness in the world.

The Louisiana Senators have succeeded in securing an important amendment to the Cuban reciprocity treaty, which, if it does not kill it altogether, will at least postpone its operation for another year and permit the Louisiana planters to dispose of another sugar crop under the protection of the Dingley tariff rates.

—New Orleans Picayune.

Here is proof of the doctrine once advanced by a famous North Caroliniar that all men are protectionists when they are protected, and free traders when th ther fellow is protected.

Senator Gorman, in his role of leader is evidently disposed to have "harmony if he has to ram it down a few Demo cratic throats.—Atlanta Constitution.

That is just the kind of an artist the party needs about now.

Half Hour With Virginia Editors.

The Wytheville Dispatch, referring to the Jamestown Exposition appropriation

bill, says:
But aside from the business point of But aside from the business point of view, is there nothing in State pride? Shall we desert an enterprise to which we have pledged our moral and financial aid? To turn our backs now upon the Exposition would be to declare to the world that Virginia has no pride in her glorious past.

The Alexandria Gazette sizes up the Utah business thus:

Utah business thus:

When Mr. Roberts was elected to Congress from Utah a great howl went up throughout the country that he was a Mormon and he was incontinently turned out of his seat by a Republican House. Mr. Roberts was a Democrat. When Mr. Smoot, a Mormoon apostle, was elected a Senator from Utah there was heard a murmur of disapproyal, but that murmur has lulled and he now occupies his seat as securely as any other member of the Senate. Mr. Smoot is a Republican and the votes of Utah and Idaho woould be jeopardized were he molested. Folities, like circumstances, alters cases.

The Fredericksburg Free Lane says: This road question is paramount in Virginia, and the farmer whose property, in injured because of its non-settlement, who is inconvenienced and annoyed in traveling from place to place, and who sees himself cut off, as it were, in winter time, should arouse himself to the necessity of solving the question and awaken to the necessity of action in the premises.

The Newport News Press says:

The drug business in Amherst county is said to have suffered a material set-back by the disclosures made in the Campbell investigation and a pharmacy In that section is now merely a place where drugs, medicines, cigars, poker chips, candy, dry goods, stoves and no-tions are on sale.

The Augusta County Argus is noticing things. It says:

things. It says:

We have not noticed that Presiden
Rossevelt has nominated any negro youth
to Annapolis or West Point. Is he will
ing to close those "doors of hope" to
the colred race?

Personal and General.

On her way to an Easter stay at Seville, ex-Queen Isabella, of Spain, will stop at Madrid and most for the first time her grandson, the King. Jargel Zangwill, when asked recently

what special outdoor pastime he love the most, replied characteristically, "al forms of locomotion except balloconing." Bishop Hartzell, who recently return-

ed from Africa, reached Cincinnati on Saturday and preached on "Africa As I Have Seen It" Sunday in St. Paul's Have Seen It" S Methodist Church. New measurements confirm the reporting Mount McKinley, in Alaska, is the highest peak in North America.

Printed in English and devoted to com-merce, a new dally newspaper is about to be issued in St. Petersburg.

The United States and Great Britain ogether handle more letters and period-cals than all the rest of the world put together.

Mrs. Marsylla Keith, a white woman, celebrated her ligth birthday anniversary at her home in Montgomery, W. Va., on Saturday. She was born in South Caro-



SASH, BLINDS AND DOORS



DAILY CALENDAR-MARCH 19TH. 1901—Got a chicken leg at Gordons 1903—Got it again.

Staunton is a pretty town, as fine as on

the map;
We went up there the other day without a Shriner's cap;
The reason was that we were not a member of the Shrine;
But that was not a reason why we shouldn't he in line.

But that was not a reason why we shouldn't be in line.
The Stonewall Band met us, you know, when we got off the train,
When we came back we made our mind to go up there again:
The town was opened wide for us, as wide, as wide could be,
So we fell in behind the crowd, and had our little spree.
And when we picked our berth and got on the train ready to come home, we discovered that the smoke from that cigar we had been imbibling in, had settled in our head.

iled in our head.

We hate to have such things happen, for it leads to embarrassing situations

for it leads to embarrassing situations sometimes.

When the smoke settles in a fellows head, he can hardly be held responsible for what he does always.

When we got into our bunk on our special coact, we didn't know that there was somebody in there, and when we hunted about and found we were in Tom McAdams' berth, instead of our own, we didn't think it was up to Johnnie Craig to call Williams and Fred Jurgens over to help him put me in another state-room.

Jeter Jones should have rushed to the rescue like the crowd did at Gordons-wille going up when they helped put that crate of eggs on board for George Hooper, instead of allowing Bob Mitchell to get George Tiller and E. A. Barber to help Jim Clift to sell the chewing gum that Ollie Hawkins bought from George Schoen.

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We never were able to tell what became of the pie that was ordered at Hungary Station, except that we saw Louis McVeigh with a piece on the rear platform of the observation car, and Dr. Anderson eating a piece surreptitiously. If it hadn't been for the beautiful song that John Rowe sang, as we passed the man standing near the track at Bothwell, we do not know what might have become of Louis Smith.

The whole thing was passed up, however, when Billy Russell handed around some pink tea prepared and donated by J. C. Bowman.

We missed Tom Whittet and Major

J. C. Bowman.
We missed Tom Whittet and Major
Howard, and Joe Weish might have told
us his scheme for getting another patrol
wagen, if he had been along.
Anywayr Es schamu aleikum!
Or words to those effects.

• +++++++++++++++++++++++ Grend of Chought In Dixie Land

------Birmingham News: If some of those Wisconsin legislators will talk into a phonograph at the proposed negro conference in Atlanta, save up the cyclin ders and reproduce the stuff ten year later, after they have learned something about the negro, they will wonder how they ever managed to make such fools of themselves.

Columbia State: Lincoln's birthplace is again for sale. Why do not the negroes of the South buy the place and found an institution that might help their race, and so honor the "Great Emancipator?" They could pay for the site and contribute largely to an endownment fund if they would all work next emahalpation day and contribute the proceeds of that day's labor.

Memphis Commercial Appeal: The next candidate for President on the Democratic ticket must, to be elected, represent the mature wisdom and sentiment of the party. No cross of gold and crown of thorns balderdash will do this then. We have tried a diet of froth twice, and this time there should be substance.

Montgomery Advertiser: And when it comes to officeholding, the negro stands precious little better show in any north-ern State than he does in Alabama, They refuse to elect him to office; and they reretuse to elect him to office, and they re-fuse because he is a negro. There are in al the northern States negroes who are qualified and competent to fill office, at least minor positions, but they rarely set them, and they do not get them be-cause of their color.

North Carolina Sentiment. The Asheville Citizen says:

"It is pleasant to learn that fifty new rural free delivery routes began operation in North Carolina this month. They follow good roads and foster good schools, and the three together are the hope of the rural section."

The Greensboro Telegram, thinking of recent events in Raleigh and Tarboro waileth as follows:

Another shooling scrape for the thoughtful to philosophize over! What are we coming to anyway? Laws against pistol-toting won't do the work. It looks terribly like total depravity. And if it is, there is nothing to do quietly accept the situation and pass to more pleasant thoughts."

The Raleigh Post says:

The Raloigh Post says:

"The gentlomen who have undertaken to underwrite presidential delegations from this State and the South have established a pretty stiff premium for the service, so it is said. Leg-pulling in this respect is said to be very brisk, and the active agents seeking available subjects actually fall over the legs willing to be pulled, All of which is amusing to most folks and profitable, we hope, to the agents. The wind-up, however, will discover a ruse by which Mr. Roosevelt's nomination by acclamation will be assured and the sharpest of two or three Westerners will step up to the position next in line of promotion."

The Durham Sun says; "Governor Aycock again showed a level head in refusing to have anything to do with the proposed convention to settle the race question."

Novena Closes.

The mass at St. Joseph's Catboll Church last night was well attended, the services being conducted by Rev. Pathe Hannigan. The public novens in monor of St. Joseph, which has been in progress ever since March 10th, will close at 17 o'clock this morrhing, with high mass, The sermon will be delivered by Bishop A. Van de Vyver. The musical programme will be under the direction of Miss M. McSweeney.

The mass was sung last night by Mr, John Murphy, of St. Mary's chou

"BOBS", His Trials, Tribulations and Triumphs.

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CHAPTER XXXVIII.

By REGINALD LANG.

The Van Nostrands and Mr. Elliot were in the great library, holding a counsel of war with Bobs, when a footman entered the room with a card. "A gentleman to see the Earl of Grass-

mere, sir," he said, looking doubtfully at Mr. Van Nostrand. "He insisted upon it that he was here." Bobs quietly took the card from the

tray, to the astonishment of the ser-

'Mr. James Redmond, of Parks, Parks, "Mr. James Redmond, of Parks, Parks, & Redmond, solicitors, London. Shall he come up, Mr. Van Nostrand, or shall we go down?"
"Let him come up, Bobs, it may be part of all this mystery, Girls, you better leave us for the present. Show the gentlemen up, John.
In a few moments the footman ushered in Mr. Redmond.

in Mr. Redmond?" asked Bobs, looking at the card that he hold in his hand and then at the caller.

"I am Mr. Redmond, at your service. Is this the Barl of Grassmere, commonly known as Mr. Morgan?"

"I am that person. This is Mr. Van Nostrand, and this is Mr. Billiot, Mr. Redmond. May I ask why you have come to see me?" Both Mr. Van Nostrand and Mr. Billiot were surprised at the dignified manner in which Bobs received the guest.

the dignified manner in which Bobs received the guest.
"I represent the firm of Parks, Parks
& Redmond, solicitors as my card shows
you. We are the legal representatives
of the late Earl of Grassmere, whose
son, Lionel Merton Carlingford, was
stolen from his home November 16, 1886.
From that time to this we have never
been able to find a trace of him, with
the exception that at regular intervals
we received jotters informing us that
the boy was alive and well, and would
be returned when he was twenty-five
years of ago."

Bobs looked at Mr. Van Nostrand and
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"Not long since we received a letter stating that if one of the firm would come to New York and would promise mmunity from punishment to such a person as would come to see him prepared to negotiate the whereabouts of the Earl would be disclosed. I must add

the Earl would be disclosed. I must adde that we had offered a reward of £10,000, "And did anyone appear, Mr. Red-mond?". "Yes. The day after I arrived, and notified these people through the admond?".
"Yes. The day after I arrived, and notified these people through the address given me, a man called at my rooms and opened negotiations."
"May I ask what sort of a person he

"He was plainly dressed, had a reddish moustache and beard and dark brown hair, and wore colored glasses." "London!" ejaculated Bobs; "that is odd."

odd."

"He said that he would produce proofs in a few days, but before he could come again this startling announcement appeared in the papers, and I hastened at once to find you and see for myself what proofs you had."

Bobs brought the hat and clothes to the saidting.

Bobs brought the hat and clothes to the solicitor.

"These are what the man that kidnapped me said that I wore at the time that I was stolen. To be more correct, he told us whis they were, and these were the papers with them." He handed the lawyer the writing, and the latter scanned it eagerly.

"This seems correct. Allow me to look at the underclothes. Yes, here is the coronet and the letter 'G.' as described by the late Earl. Was there anything clise?"

else?"
"This locket," said Bobs, handing it to him with the paper in which it had peen wrapped "There is no question as to your iden-

"There is no question as to your doing tity, my lord, after seeing this. Allow me to congratulate you."

At this moment the footman appeared with another card, which he handed to Bobs. The latter took it wonderingly and read, it aloud. "The Hon. George Arthur Carlingford!"
"Your uncle, my lord, who was about

"Your uncle, my lord, who was about to claim the title had you not been

found."
The four men turned as Carlingford entered the room.
"I saw in the morning paper," he said, after greeting those present, "that my nophew had been found. All I wish to see are the proofs; the likeness to your father at your age is almost, if not quite, sufficient," he added, looking at Bobs sufficient," he added, looking at Bobs intently. The clothes and locket were handed to him and he examined them carefully, reading the papers after he had done so. "I congretion."

had done so.
"I congratulate you, Lionel. There is no doubt about it at all. I wish you good luck, even if you have done me out of a title and a fortune." He held out his hand frankly and Bobs took it with a smile.
"Do not be too sure that I have done you gut of a fertune and a title as you

out of a fortune and a title, as you it."

which had come students, a voice that he and learned to love better than any other than the contest it."

Perhaps, not, but I shall not take then the title or the fortune."

CHAPTER XL.

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"Why, what do you mean, lad? I shall not contest it."
"Perhaps, not, but I shall not take either the title or the fortune."
"What!" said all simultaneously and in great astonishment.
"I shall not take either the title or the fortune. I prefer to take only the name.

great astonisment.
"I shall not take either the title or the fortune. I prefer to take only the name, which is mine by right. I wish to live here and continue my work. I would rather be an American citizen than an English nobleman. I have been brought up here, I owe my present advancement to Americans, to these two men here," indicating Mr. Van Nostrand and Mr. Elliot. "I will not give up my adopted country nor my friends."

"But, my lord," broke in Redmond.
"It is of no use, Mr. Redmond, my mind is made up, and has been since late last night, or rather early this morning, for I have not slept much. Uncle, you may have both the title and the fortune. I shall remain where I am and forfolt both."

Mr. Bedwond gasped for breath. Car-

both."
Mr. Redmond gasped for breath. Car-lingford again stopped forward and held out his hand.

lingford again stepped forward and held out his hand.
"This is very nable of you, Lionel, it is like your father, I cannot express my feelings, but even though it brings me honors and riches, I must say from as unprejudiced a standpoint as it is possible to hold under the circumstances that I admire your decision and the reasons that prompt it."
"Bobs." said Mr. Van Nostrand, with tears in his eyes, "it is quite like you. It is what one would expect who knew you."

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"Exactly," said Mr. Elliot, taking him by the hand, "but it is the act of a thoroughly noble man, all the same. You are a credit to the country that you come from and the one that you have adopted. I am proud of you! "Then," said Redmond. "If you are dotormined, my lord, to carry out your intentions, I will prepare the preliminary papers, in which you will indicate your intention to sign away all rights in the little of Earl of Grassmere and the lands and fortune that appertain thereto." "Do so as soon as possible, and allow me to greet my uncle here as Earl of Grassmere."

"The lawyer took his leave and the others are the same to the contrary happenings of the past twenty-four hours.

"Tell me about your life, Lionel," said his uncle, as they seated themselves in front of the open fire.

CHAPTER XXXIX.

CHAPTER XXXIX. "It is a strange story," said the older

man, as Bobs finished it.

"It sounds like a romance," said Mr. Van Nostrand, as he gazed affectionately at the young man. "I think, however, that your troubles in the kidnapping line have come to an end with the death of Filizgerald."

"Let us hope so," added Mr. Elliot, who had been quietly listening.

"Yes," said Carlingford, "I think that you can count on a more peaceful life, Lionel, Life is at the best hard enough for those who have high ideals, as I judge that you have, but when there is added to that the fear of bodily harm from without it becomes doubly difficult. I must have you now, as I have business to attend to. I leave in a few weeks for England, where, owing to the generosity of this young man, I must take up the duttes and pleasures of an hereditary legislator."

"I wish you luck, Lord Grassmere," said Eliot, taking the proferred hand, "Not Lord Grassmere yet," said Carlingford, smilling, "this is Lord Grassmere until the formalities are over, which transfer the title from him to me. He will be Lord Grassmere for some weeks

"Yes, I am ready to take that up at once."
There is another subject about which I am deeply interested, but I hardly know how to approach it."
"Tell me what it is, Mr. Eillot. If there is anything that I can do to please you I will do it."
"Are you interested in any one, Bobs?"
"Interested? The young man's face fushed and his eyes sought the ground, "Yos, interested. Is there not a young woman that you care, to put it mildly, a great deal about?"

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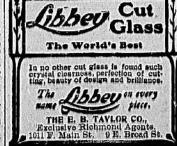
Bobs' eyes fixed themselves on those of Mr. Elliot. "Yes, sir, there is."
"Does she care for you?"
"I do not know, sir. I know that she likes mo as a friend, probably, nothing

more."
"Why do you not find out?"
"I am in no position to do so, sir."
"In no position; what do you mean by

CHAPTER XI.

There was a slight trace of timidity
in the girl's manner as she walked
across the room; the golden sunlight
from the long windows throwing a halo
second has craceful head.

for?"
"Redmond? Oh he is the London so-



mere until the formalities are over, which transfer the title from him to me. He will be Lord Grassmere for some weeks to come, whether he likes it or not."
"Well, then, good luck to you, Mr. Cartingford. I regret that you are to leave us. I have not forgotten the pleasant evening that we spent together nor the good advice that you gave me, though given too late to follow."
"Advice often comes too late, Mr. Van Nostrand, and we often regret things that we have done. Regret and remorse,

Nontrand, and we often regret things that we have done. Regret and remorse, however, are the best of resources of a coward. The past is irrevocable, the present is with us but for the moment, the future is pretty much what we choose to make it. Good morning all, I shall see you again before I go."

"I shall leave you two for a time," said Mr. Van Nostrand, "I must go down town on some business," He rang for the servant, ordered his carriage, and then went to his room.

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"Bobs," shid Mr. Elliot, after a short pause, "what are you going to do with yourself now?"

"Go back to work, sir."

"There is my house to be finished, you know."

"Yes, I am ready to take that up at ongo."

"In me position; what do you mean by that?"

"I cannot maintain her in the luxury in which she has been brought up, Mr. Elliot. It would not be honorable to ask her if she loved me under the circumstances."

"I cannot agree, with you, Bobs. If the girl loves you, and I think that she does, she will not care whether you have 10 cents or 10 millions, if she is a true woman. But that part of the affair need not trouble you at all. I had intended, in fact I have, left you all my property in my will—don't interrupt—I have neither kith nor kin, and the money is mine to do what I wish with. Since you have decided to renounce the title and fortune which are rightfully yours, I have decided to settle \$50,000 on you at once. A young man who will give up what you have because he wishes to stick by his friends, and prefers to be an American citizen, commands my respect and admiration, and I mean to show you my appreciation of what you have done in a most substantial manner. I do not care to wait till I am dead to have you know it., either."

"Mr. Elliot, you are too generous."

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"Mr. Elliot, you are too generous,"
gasped Bobs, hardly able to find words
to express himself.

"Nonsense, Bobs, it is not generosity, it
is honest appreciation of sterling worth.
I make but one condition."

"What is that, sir?"

"That you do not give up your profession, and that you make a success
of it, as I know that you can."

"I should not think of giving it up,
Mr. Elliot. I love it too much. But I—

"Net another word, my lad. The mate
tor is settled and my mind is made up.
Before the young man could realize it,
he had left the room.

The young man remained in front of
the fire dazed by his good fortune,
which had come suddenly and unexpectthe fire dazed by his good fortune, which had come suddenly and unexpect-

from the long windows throwns around her staceful head.
"Yes, Antia, and I am more than glad to see you, as I have much to fell you," to see you, as I have much to fell you," as I have much to the you." I would be said Bobs, sitting down beside her. "To tell mo?" asked Anta, a warm

to see you, asting down beside her, said Bobs, sitting down beside her, "To tell me?" asked Anlta, a warm flush spreading over her face.

"Yes, you, Anlta. In the first place, I wish you to know that I have given up the Earldom."

"Why, Bobs! why was that?"

"Because I preferred to remain in this country with my friends, and secondly, because I wish to grow up to be an American citizen. I would rather live in a country that is growing than one that has grown."

"O. Bobs, I am so glad to hear you say that, But who will take the title and property?"

"My unclo, George Carlingford, who has been here this morning."

"And what did the other man come for?"

"Redmond? Oh he is the London so-licitor, who came over here to nego-tlate with the kidnappers of the Earl of Grassmere. As soon as he saw in the paper this morning that I had been found, he bolted for this house. He has now gone to make out the preliminary papers, which will permit the transfer of the title without my going across the water."

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